

STRANGE AND
Wonderful News from
LONDON:

OR,

A True Narrative of Several most Remarkable
Occurrences there:

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- I. The Barbarous Murder in *Little-britain*, where a Smiths
prentice out of a Covetous desire to get his Masters Shop and
Trade, shot him through the Heart with a Musquet, Jan. 12.
For which being Convicted of petty Treason, he was Drawn,
and Hang'd.

With his Execution in *Little-Brittain*, and his
Last Speech which he made at the Gibbet
this 22d. of January, 1678.

- II. A true Relation of the Great Robbery Committed by near
Twenty Thieves in *Harron-Garden*, stealing away almost Four
Hundred Ounces of plate, besides, Rings, Money, &c. under
pretence of Searching for *Papists*; for which Five of them be-
ing Taken, were likewise Condemned, and Hanged, with
Six other Malefactors, on the said 22th. of Jan. 1678. at
Tyburn.

With Several other Notable Remarques.

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Expedition to the North Pole

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TO give a Full Account of those most hor-
rid and Abominable Crimes that are Dayly
Discovered in this Wicked Age, would
require a large Volume, whereas
confined not to exceed the compass of one
single Sheet, judging thereby to please and satisfy the
Curious Reader, in having inserted nothing in this

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small Book, but what is of a certain Truth. Therefore shall we give an Account oneby of some of the most Remarkable and Extraordinary Crimes, and the Punishments awarded to the Offenders; that all our English Israel may Hear and Fear, and that they may take Warning by their shameful Death, and none henceforth presume to commit the like Wickedness: For the God above will discover their sins, though it be acted in never such secret manner, and will reward them according to their works.

WOMANLY ONE'S VIGILANCE

THE Circumstances of the Murder we have to relate, were exactly as follows. In Little-Brittain near Smithfield, London, there lived one Mr. Bailey Smith, who had served all Offices in his Parish, and justly had the reputation of a very honest man; his Wife dyed about four months ago, so that there was no body in the house but himself and his Apprentice, a Lad about one or two and twenty years of age, and that had not above 3 or 4 months of his Apprenticeship to serve. On Saturday the 11th, of this Instant January, this prentice went out with his Masters Arms with the Trainband on the Guard, and therefore on Sunday evening the good man considering he had been up all the night before, having given him money to buy a pint of Ale to drink at his supper, &c. as he had always been very kind to him, ordered him about 6 a Clock to go to bed, and afterwards locking his door, went himself out to a Neighbours, where he sat till near 8 and then went home; next morning

ring as soon as it was light, the prentice maker an our-ery that his Master lay dead in the Shop, pretending that he knew nothing of it till he came down to go to work and found him there; when neighbours came in, there lay the Master (shot in at the back below the Shoulder bone and out again at the Breast, dissupposed with a Slug or great piece of Iron, for the Orifice of the Wound was almost as big as a 3 shilling-piece, part of his heart and Liver was shot away, and 4 of his ribs broken: The Key was within side of the door, fastned as the Boy confess, and the Musquer standing upright as usual, yet up behind the door, so that considering how he was shot and these circumstances, 'twas plain he could neither do it himself, nor any body that was run away, and therefore it must be the Boy, which was confirm'd by two several Neighbours, who tell us that about 8 a Clock they heard a Gun go off as if it were in Mr. Baily's house, and presently one of them heard something fall down in his shop, and that they both running out into the street, could see no body stirring, and that Mr. Baily's door was shut, whereupon they concluded it was some of the soldiers at a greater distance: It was also observed that the Gun was bloody, and had the print of a bloody hand upon the Barrel, and that to some of the first he called in, when they were discoursing of the Gun, he said: *Oh, do not speak any thing of the Gun, for if you do I am undone*; Besides, there were some drops of Blood on his Cloaths, and he had no sooner discovered his master to be dead, but that very Forenoon, he went up and down to bespake his Custome, and secure the house and shop to himself, so that 'tis believed he did the murder meerly out of covetousness on that account; He is Convicted of petty Treason, and on Friday last was Condemned to be Drawn and Hang'd, which 'tis thought will be against his masters door.

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On *January* the 22^d. About 8 of the Clock in the Morning, the Smiths Prentice was carried to Execution, being drawn by 4 Horses in a new Sled through *Smithfield*, down *Duck-Lane*, and so into *Little-Brittain*; to the Gibbet that was placed there close by the Grate: all the while of his passage he was observed to be of a serious countenance, and very penitent, often lifting up his hands as it were in Prayer. Being come to the place of Execution, he was attended there by two Ministers, who no doubt was very urgent with him to unburthen his Soul at that his last moment of breath, by a free confession of the fact; to whom he replied, That he was sure God had a place in Heaven for him, notwithstanding he had been a great sinner, and a desolute disorderly Liver, yet Gods mercies were over all his works, but as to the fact, It does not appear that he Confessed it, and it is reported about, He said, he hop'd that the Murder would be found out when he was dead, which he beseeched the Lord of his mercy to discover; and as for his own punishment, though he said he did not deserve it in that for which he suffered, yet he said Gods judgements were just: And he desired all young men and Prentices to take warning by him; being mounted the Ladder, and askt if he would yet say
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any thing as to the fact; to which he reply'd, That
as to his Execution, he was willing to submit, acknow-
ledging the Justness of the Law, but hop'd, as he had
said before, that after his Decease, the Murther, &c.
and so after some Prayers, letting his Handkerchief
fall out of his hands, which was the sign given to
the Executioner, he was turn'd off from the Lad-
der. 'Tis said, that he sent a Letter to the Neigh-
bours after his condemnation, much to the same
effect as he spake at his execution.

The last thing we shall acquaint you with, is of a robbery
Extraordinary both for the number and the manner of it :
On Sunday the 29th. of Decem. about 7. or 8 a of the Clock
in the Evening, six men (for no more at first appear'd) came
Arm'd to the house of one Mr. Warton a Carpenter of good
estate in Hatton-Garden, nigh Holbourn, and knocking at the
door, as soon as it was opened thrust in, saying they had an
order to search the house for papists; they were desired to
shew their Warrant, but one that took upon him as a Lie-
tenant, denyed it, saying, that whilst that was reading, the
Traitors might escape, and therefore he would search first :
having gone into every room, and perceived what company
there was in the house, they came down and declared it was
money they came for, and money they would have; then
opening the door they let in about half a score more of their
companions, & boasted that they'd at many were abroad to guard
the streets. Those of the house they all clapt up into a room, lock-
ing them in, setting some as Centinels at the door; in the
mean time they rifled the House, takeing away 380 ounces
of Plate, & Rings from the Gentlemans daughter, valued at

1007. but missed of their main booty; for the Master of the house had been disappointed of a very considerable sum of money that he expected to have received, and had not above 15 or 20 pound in the house, which they took and so marched off. Bills being left at all Brokers and Goldsmiths on the Tuesday following a woman inquired of a person if he would buy a considerable parcel of Plate? he pretends himself willing, and she tells him he must come to such a house in *St. James* at 6 in the Evening; he is provided with a Guard is provided, the house beset, five of the Thieves taken, and all the Plate found in the Cellar, but the Rings and Money is not heard of: one of these five made his escape out of *Newgate* in Womens cloaths, and got away, though at that time loaded with Irons of 60 lb. weight, but another of them was since taken in *Essex*, and with the other four has received sentence of Death for Burglary, for though they broke no door, yet coming in with an unlawful design, as appears in defiance of Law, their entry is judged unlawful from the beginning.

There were 11 Prisoners carried to Execution to *Tower Hill* 10 Men & 1 Woman. Some for the Robbery in *Hatfield Garden*, and others for Felony and Horse-stealing, others for Burglary: and being come to the place of Execution, they were all executed for their several Crimes: There being but little said, the croud and noise being so great, could not be exactly taken.

Thus have we given you a true account of several notorious crimes, and the punishments that follow. Let a laborer read this little Book take warning by these sad examples, lest before their eyes to avoid the like sins, lest they incur the same shameful ends. For the wages of sin is Death.

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